

Kevin Sullivan Day

Presented by Council President Jennifer Campbell

December 7, 2021

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan became an employee for the City of San Diego in 1987 and has dedicated over three decades of loyal public service with the City of San Diego and embodies what it means to be a true public servant; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan has more than 35 years of experience working in various roles with the Development Services Department, Planning Department, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Economic Development Department; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan led the Innovation Economy Unit within the Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention Division of the Economic Development Department over the past six years; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan, has dedicated efforts to expanding advanced industries, nurturing the startup ecosystem in aerospace & defense, life sciences, and trade. As a result, he paved the way for thousands of new jobs and increased San Diego's identity as a hub for entrepreneurship and innovation; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan created and implemented programs that enhance our communities, create jobs, and bring investment to the City of San Diego, including the former Redevelopment Agency, the San Diego Regional Enterprise Zone, the Foreign Trade Zones Program, EB5 Foreign Direct Investment, the Fee Payment Incentive, Capacity Building, and the Business Incentive Program; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan was instrumental in the success of the City of San Diego's role with the FAA's Integration Pilot Project and received Exceptional Accommodation from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan is universally known for his ability to keep projects moving forward, his common sense approach to issue resolution & problem solving, as well as being an extraordinary resource on the land development code, land use, entitlements, zoning, community plans, & permit processes; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan has championed on behalf of thousands of businesses, developers, and nonprofit organizations to increase investment and to create a business-friendly environment that ensures a stable local economy and builds capacity; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan is a dedicated, public servant, mentor, demonstrating remarkable work ethic to his peers, managers, and businesses alike; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Sullivan will be missed by the Economic Development Department and his colleagues that grew dependent upon his expertise, common sense problem-solving, political savvy, wit and humor, dune buggy driving skills, and love of all things Newport, Rhode Island; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim **December 7, 2021**, to be **"Kevin Sullivan Day"** in the City of San Diego.